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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: IRANIAN MILITARY VISIT TO BANGLADESH'

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1. ON DECEMBER 11 HAD OPPORTUNITY QUIZ BANGLADESH AMBASSADOR, AMINUR R.S. DOHA, ON MISSION OF IRANIAN MILITARY GROUP IN HIS COUNTRY, REFTEL. DOHA REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: FOR 18 MONTHS I HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO INTEREST THE IRANIAN MILITARY IN EMPLOYING SOME OF THE HAPLESS BANGLADESH MILITARY TECHNICIANS WHO DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE ARMS WITH WHICH TO PLY THEIR SPECIALITIES. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME TO ACQUIRE AIR-CRAFT, TANKS, AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT, BECAUSE AT PRESENT WE HAVE A MILITARY FORCE WHICH HAS TOTALLY INADEQUATE WEAPONRY. FINALLY, THE IRANIAN MILITARY AGREED TO SEND A GROUP COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF EACH OF THE THREE SERVICES TO INTERVIEW NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WHO ARE TECHNICIANS IN SUCH THINGS AS AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE, TANK REPAIR, AND SIMILAR SPECIALTIES. IT IS HOPED THAT THE IRANIAN MILITARY WILL EMPLOY AND BRING TO IRAN ABOUT 2,000 SUCH SPECIALISTS FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THEIR SERVICES. SUCH A MOVE WILL HELP IRAN AND SIMULTANEOUSLY WILL ENABLE BANGLADESH TO HELP MAINTAIN ITS TECHNICIANS AT PROFICIENT STANDARRDS UNTIL THE TIME WHEN THEY MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE BANGLADESH MILITARY FORCES. IRANIAN MILITARY ALSO WANTS TO EMPLOY BANGLADESH ARMY DOCTORS AND NURSES, AND BANGLADESH AUTHORITIES MAY AUTHORIZE A TOKEN GROUP EVEN THOUGH MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY.
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2. IN THE CIVILIAN SECTOR BANGLADESH DOCTORS AND NURSES ARE
NOW ARRIVING FOR SERVICE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF IRAN. DOMESTIC
SERVANTS, PARTICULARY CHEFS, ARE SHOWING UP IN INCREASING
QUANTITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN DIPLOMATIC AND IRANIAN HOUSEHOLDS
IN TEHRAN.
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